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SYNOPSIS

The Directors of the Central Savings Trust Company are to choose a successor to the cashier, Peter Stalton, who has resigned. Stalton advocates the election of his nephew, Richard Twing, the assistant cashier, but the directors elect Arthur Barnes, a bookkeeper. Helen Wilbur, the daughter of the President of the bank, calls there and elated over Arthur's election tells him that she will announce their engagement at a dinner that evening. Twing discomfited by his failure at promotion stumbles over a broom and flings it through the door where it falls at the feet of Arthur and Helen. Arthur steps across the broom and thus enters the jinx. When Helen demands that Arthur step over the broom to prevent bad luck, Arthur tells her that there is nothing to superstition, that he walked under the ladder that morning. Helen demands that he walk back under the ladder and Arthur agrees to do so. At five o'clock the hour for closing the bank, Arthur upsets a teller's tray of money and being compelled to re-count every cent of it is delayed until eight o'clock. After leaving his home for Helen he calls a taxi which splashes the mud on him, compelling him to change his clothes again. Helen phones to him that he must walk under the ladder before he reaches her home and he takes his uncle with him to help kill the jinx. The ladder has been moved and he borrows one from Stalton's yard. As he puts the ladder back a thief slides down it, toppling Arthur over and escapes. Stalton follows with a gun and finding Arthur accuses him of robbing him. He calls the police and Arthur manages to escape on him by climbing over a fence. The tail of his dress coat catches on a nail and a piece is torn off. A detective catches the thief who had changed hats with Arthur and the latter demands his own hat whereupon the thief accuses him of the robbery. Arthur's uncle distracts the detective's attention and Arthur and the thief both escape, while the uncle is taken to the police station. Arthur reaches the Wilbur home after dodging police and just as Arthur begins to explain his dishevelled appearance to Wilbur (after Helen has broken the engagement) Stalton calls up and accuses Barnes of robbing his home. Wilbur believes this and orders Barnes from his house. Barnes escapes two policemen and is passing the bank when two figures come out and escape with two bags of money in an automobile. Barnes runs into the bank to investigate. The burglar alarm in Wilbur's home rings and Wilbur and Helen race to the bank. As Wilbur enters the bank he meets Barnes and recognizes him. Barnes commandeers the Wilbur automobile and Helen climbs into the car with him. He gives chase. Wilbur runs out of the bank into the arms of reserve policemen who take him to the station. Helen asks Barnes if he walked under the ladder and when he tells her that he did, she flings her arms about him and kisses him. This interferes with steering and they crash into a wall, but are uninjured. Helen finds a pistol in Arthur's pocket and screams. The scream fetches a policeman who arrests both of them. When Arthur and Helen reach the station, Arthur's uncle, Wilbur and the board of directors, and Peter Stalton and his

nephew, Richard Twing, are there. Judge Brown arrives and offers to hold court. Wilbur accuses Arthur and declares that he identified him in the bank. After a hearing Judge Brown orders Barnes release and as the verdict is rendered the negro janitor of the bank reaches the station with the two bags of money. He tells the judge that he saw a stranger hide the bags in a chicken house and that the man who placed the money there had caught the tail of his dress coat in the door and torn it off. When the piece of coat is given to Judge Brown he questions Barnes about his torn coat and then upon this new evidence holds him without bail. Court officers search Arthur and find the piece of coat he lost in his pocket. Twing and Stalton are confronted with the recovered money and the piece of cloth found in the chicken house and confess. Arthur and Helen are reconciled and Wilbur forgives ~~him~~ him. The end.

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